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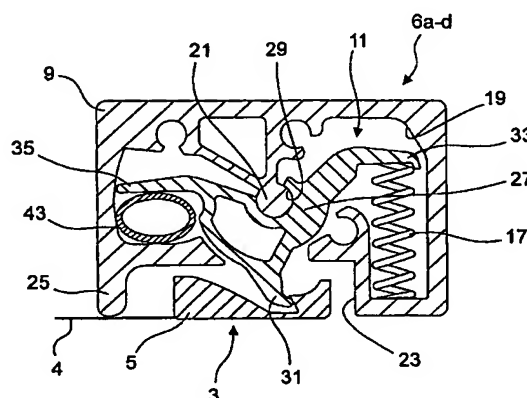
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(54) Title: A FRAME UNIT FOR TENSIONING A PRINTING SCREEN AND A JIG FOR FITTING A PRINTING SCREEN TO OR REMOVING A PRINTING SCREEN FROM A FRAME UNIT



(57) Abstract: A frame unit for tensioning a printing screen, the frame unit comprising a frame including at least one frame member, the at least one frame member comprising: a supporting frame element; at least one engagement element for engaging a fitted printing screen to tension the same, wherein the at least one engagement element comprises a body which is pivotally coupled to the supporting frame element such that the at least one engagement element is pivotable in one, tensioning sense to tension a fitted printing screen and the other, opposite sense to adopt a configuration in which a printing screen can be fitted to or removed from the frame unit, a first, engagement arm extending from the body for engaging a fitted printing screen, and a second, biasing arm extending from the body to which a biasing force is applied to bias the at least one engagement element to pivot in the tensioning sense; and at least one biasing element operative to apply a biasing force to the biasing arm of the at least one engagement element to bias the at least one engagement element to pivot in the tensioning sense and tension a fitted printing screen.

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